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Students shared traditional dances from their native lands Wednesday at a luau sponsored by Multicultural Student Services

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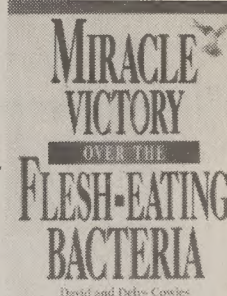
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Miracle man

Professor David Cowles, co-author of a new book, tells how he overcame the deadly flesh-eating bacteria

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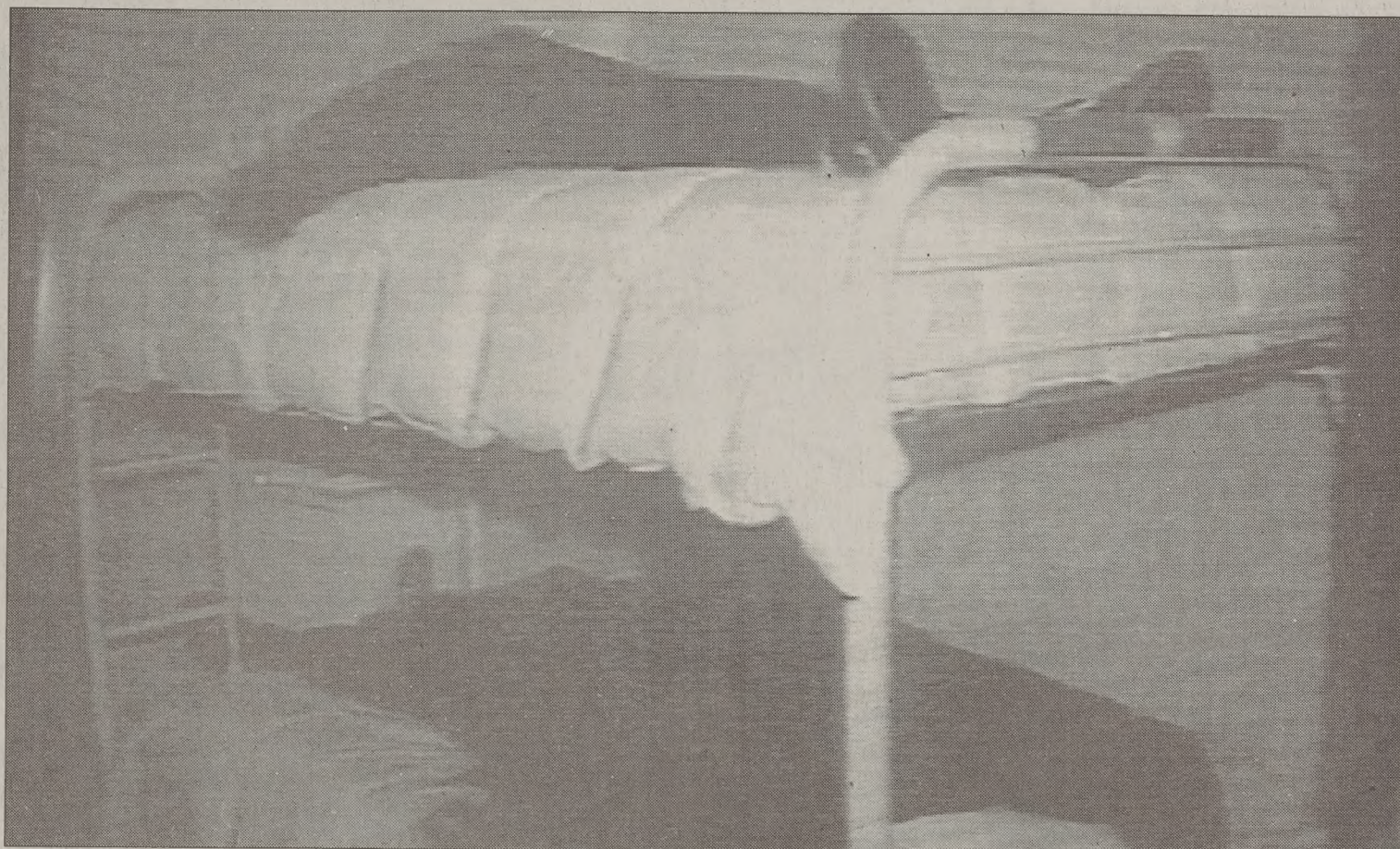
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Tragic acts emerge in bizarre mass suicide

Associated Press

CHICO SANTA FE, Calif. — Thirty-nine members of a cult of computer programmers systematically killed themselves by washing down vodka with vodka, their suitcases packed with pills they thought was a rendezvous with a comet, according to the Hale-Bopp comet. Dr. Blackbourne, the San Diego County coroner, said, "It was very planned, sort of a macabrely carried out." The victims included 21 women and 18 men, Blackbourne said, with most carrying identification packets in their shirt pockets, and with little pieces of paper containing a suicide recipe: take pudding or apple sauce, mix it with phenobarbital, drink it down with alcohol, lay back and relax. The victims apparently died in separate batches: 15 the first day, 15 the second and the remaining nine the third day. Blackbourne said the second group cleaned up after the first, the third after the second. The last two alive removed plastic bags from the first seven bodies and then killed themselves.



Courtesy San Diego Co. Sheriff's Dept.

TRAGIC SUICIDE: Two bodies lie in perfectly made beds in the San Diego mansion in which thirty-nine bodies were

found Wednesday. All were dressed in black and had purple shrouds covering their upper bodies. They wore identical

sneakers, long-sleeve shirts and pants. The Sheriff's Department found packed suitcases at the foot of each bed.

BYU farms to help test new soil conditioner

By RALF GRUENKE
Universe Staff Writer

The testing of a new environmentally safe soil conditioner on BYU-owned farm lands has been proposed by an international agricultural company.

The company making the proposal promotes what it refers to as "bioactive farming" and has already been testing its products in Idaho and Saudi Arabia.

"We're using biosystems that naturally occur in the soil, and put them back in the soil," said Paul Grant, president of G&D Ag. Services. "In the process of putting them back in the soil, we place them with chemical fertilizers."

The fertilizer proposed to be tested at BYU combines microorganisms, humic acid and liquefied complex matrix, manure.

"You have a completely non-toxic product in the end," Grant said. "We offer totally environmentally safe fertilizers."

Richard Terry, chair of the BYU Agronomy and Horticulture Department, said he is not convinced the new product will have all the positive effects promised by the company.

"The testimonial information on these products has been good, but the scientific basis of their benefit has as of yet not been proven," Terry said.

Michael DePew, BYU graduate student of agronomy and soil science, said he knows of the proposal.

"I wouldn't even call it a fertilizer," DePew said. "I'd call it a soil conditioner."

Grant said the product has shown fantastic results in Europe for many years and other parts of the world. He said American universities are too dependent on the financial support of the chemical industry and not open enough to new ideas.

"The United States is falling behind all the world because of the attitudes in our universities," Grant said. "Saudi Arabia is more open to this new technology. I think it's sad."

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Mass suicide raises religious freedom issues

By TRAVIS MURDOCK
Universe Staff Writer

apparent suicides of 39 people in a residence north of San Diego raises questions about religious groups and religious freedoms in the United States. "The course this is a tragic event, but I am concerned. We begin to legitimize the analysis and promotion of new religious movements that undermine the basic civil liberties and restrict the exercise of religious conscience for the numbers of people," said Larry Young, an associate professor of sociology. "The circumstances must exist before a group will end lives like the group in San Diego," Young said. The necessary conditions are an aggressive movement, totalistic involvement and

rejection of the everyday profane world.

"They have high entrance requirements, separate themselves from the world and believe their group is on the true pathway," Young said.

Young said there is no way to determine which groups will ultimately carry out such action.

"These groups may be looking for a heightened level of religious ecstasy, but this doesn't allow someone to predict if a group will do something tragic," he said.

Analyzing groups and trying to determine which groups are capable of suicide can lead to a violation of religious freedoms, Young said.

"Locally a few groups have had their civil liberties violated, such as the Unification Center and the Hari Krishnas," Young said.

The only method of finding and avoiding dangerous groups is if they profess suicide as a solu-

tion to problems.

"If we knew that they had a theology that asserted sometime in the future suicide, we could say they are a dangerous group. Groups don't usually promote suicide until shortly before the event," Young said. "This is one of the costs of nurturing religious freedom and will happen every once in a while. We believe in the importance of life, and if someone is being pushed by collective peer pressure they need to take a break and think about the group."

"Virtually all monotheistic faiths believe suicide is antithetical to the will of God. Even those people who wish to escape this world will not try to truncate this life because of the negative karma," said Roger Keller, associate professor of church history and doctrine.

Anti-cult groups make their living by exposing

these groups and are in greater demand after events like the one in San Diego.

"I was distraught to hear from anti-cult groups where they make their living attacking new religious groups. They differ very little from anti-Mormon groups," Young said. "The notion that new religious svengalis who use mind control to manipulate their followers misrepresents the mass majority of new religious groups."

"Some groups would give their life in a cause, but not to escape this life — there is a world of difference between the two groups. Most groups celebrate life and are not interested in ending it in an untimely way," Keller said.

Young said the media needs to be responsible when reporting news about such new religious movements.

Students cope with tension in Israel

By SHAWN DICKERSON
Universe Staff Writer

While tensions and violence continue to heat up in Jerusalem, students at BYU's Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies continue their studies and learning largely unaffected.

"It hasn't affected us too much," said Brian King, a junior from St. Louis, Mo., majoring in international relations, via an e-mail message. "There are areas that are off limits and some days we have to stay in the center."

Some students at the Jerusalem Center said they were, at first, very confident of the peace process, but they were not surprised when problems arose.

"Earlier this semester there was a very optimistic attitude about the peace process. After the announcement of the Har Homa Jewish housing project, it fell quickly," King said.

"The violent outbreaks were not a surprise to me," said Jenille Fairbanks, a junior from Salt Lake City, majoring in family science, via an e-mail message. "When the Israeli government announced that they would begin building a new settlement, it was clear that if construction on the settlement did begin it would only be a matter of time before the violence would begin."

Even though the violence was expected, Fairbanks said it was still disturbing when it occurred.

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AP Photo

WOUNDING: Jordan's King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visit an Israeli school girl, Maya, who was injured March 16 during an

attack. Students at the BYU Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies have continued classwork despite tension and violence in the city.



Kara Mitchell/Daily Universe

Feather Fury

Brendon Fairbanks, a junior from Oklahoma, majoring in linguistics, performs outside the BYU Bookstore to promote the POW-WOW this weekend as part of Heritage Week. Events will take place in the Wilkinson Center Ballroom Friday and Saturday.

News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Law agencies can eavesdrop on Net

PARIS — A U.S. plan to allow law enforcement agencies to eavesdrop on the Internet was approved Thursday by the 29-member countries of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation.

The United States had proposed an international system of computer-security codes that would be held by law enforcement agencies and could only be accessed after obtaining a court order.

"This is a very important step forward and we are very gratified by it," David Aaron, U.S. ambassador to the 29-nation OECD told The Associated Press.

Since messages on the Internet are easy to intercept, some people and businesses are protecting their privacy by scrambling their communications. Some countries have either outlawed or are tightening regulations on data-scrambling systems, some of which are used to commit crime.

The OECD recommendations are only a guideline for members countries, who are responsible for their own laws on Internet coding.

JonBenet's parents delay DNA tests

BOULDER, Colo. — Key DNA analysis in the JonBenet Ramsey case is being delayed while her parents decide whether they want a representative to observe the testing.

"Testing has not begun because we have not worked out the technical issues of the counsel support for the family," city spokesman Kelvin McNeill said Thursday.

McNeill said DNA evidence from the strangling of the 6-year-old beauty queen has been sent to Cellmark Diagnostics in Germantown, Md. The testing at the lab could take up to six weeks.

A call to family spokesman Pat Korten was not immediately returned.

McNeill also confirmed that authorities have subpoenaed videotapes from CNN of an interview in January with John and Patsy Ramsey. The city spokesman said the girl's parents still have not agreed to an interview with police.

Video could reveal rap star's killer

HOUSTON — Los Angeles police have seized a videotape in Houston that could help identify the killer of rap star Notorious B.I.G., the Houston Chronicle reported Thursday.

"We expect the tape to give us some key information," Los Angeles police Lt. Ross Moen told the newspaper. "We're hoping the tape is going to assist in having people come forward to identify the shooter for us."

Moen said his department learned of the tape after a tip to the "America's Most Wanted" television show.

He declined to reveal the tape's contents, but a Houston woman told the Chronicle it was filmed by a group of Houston residents who were in Los Angeles for the Soul Train Music awards. She spoke to the paper on condition of anonymity.

The 24-year-old rapper, whose real name is Christopher Wallace, was killed in a drive-by shooting March 9 after attending the awards. No arrests have been made.

The videotape was seized at a north Harris County apartment complex March 18 by L.A. detectives and the Texas Department of Public Safety, authorities said.

French wall crawler stopped again

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A French rock climber's plan to scale the world's tallest building has hit a wall.

The managers of the Petronas Twin Towers say they will not allow Alain Robert to climb up the glass-and-steel facade of the 88-story building, despite government approval.

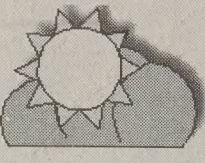
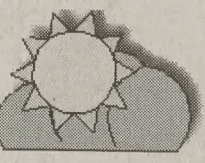
Robert's first attempt to go up the building ended last week when police pulled him in through a 60th-floor window and charged him with trespassing. The charges were later dropped.

Following appeals by a youth organization, the government said Robert could climb the 1,483-foot tower Wednesday. But Kuala Lumpur City Center Holdings, which manages the towers, disagreed.

"The fittings are not designed to support human weight," KLCC Holdings chief executive Hamzah Bakar was quoted as telling the Star newspaper.

Robert, 34, has scaled more than 30 tall buildings around the world, including the Empire State Building, earning him nicknames such as "spiderman," "mad-man" and "human fly."

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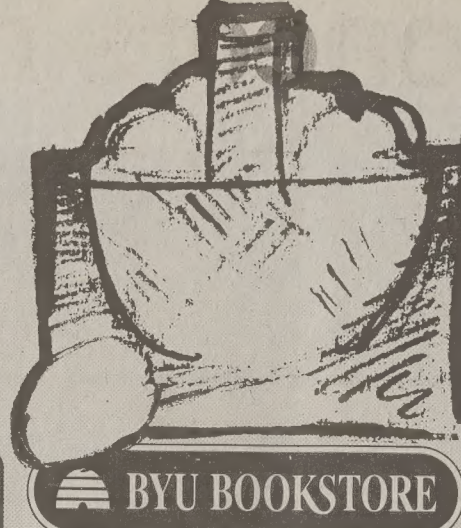
Scripture of the Day

"Let them ask and they shall receive, knock and it shall be opened unto them, and be made known from on high, even by the Comforter, whither they shall go."

— D&C 75:27

Rebecca Callister likes this scripture because "It is so simple and clear. All we need to do is ask the Lord and he will answer us by the Holy Ghost." Callister is a junior from Glendale, Calif., majoring in early childhood education.





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Travel for pioneers no Sunday drive

By SHAWN DICKERSON
Universe Staff Writer

had made, so I considered myself quite rich.

Some people will travel for the holiday weekend, reaching many destinations in just a few hours. With these modern conveniences, it is easy to forget the difficulties that travelling even short distances posed for the pioneers.

Some of these difficulties are described in this week's pioneer journal entry, taken from the writings of Esaias Edwards.

An early convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Edwards was baptized after inviting members of the church, who had been thrust out of Missouri, to rest on his land for a short time.

One of those members, Alexander Williams, resided for a time in Edwards' home and taught him the gospel. Edwards received a witness of its truth and was soon baptized.

Edwards was one of thousands of Saints to make the trek west, and this is part of his story:

"During (the winter of 1847) I was working at wagons and other mechanical labor in order to obtain means to remove to the Great Salt Lake Valley in the next spring if possible.

"But every exertion failed; one of my oxen died, which left me with only one ox and two cows so that the way appeared to be shut up, and I planted a garden and also some corn, potatoes, pumpkins ... but about the first of June I had the good luck to obtain [a] good yoke of oxen from Brother William Bennett for a wagon, which I let him have in the state of Iowa. I then bought me another old yoke of oxen for which I paid my ox and the wood work of a wagon. I now had two yoke of oxen and one yoke of cows and a good wagon, which I

"I then sold my garden and crop and obtained six or seven hundred weight of bread stuff, mostly corn-meal and buckwheat flour, with clothing enough to do us for that season. But not any tea or coffee and no sole leather, so about the first of June we left Little Murktoe Creek in Putawatomie County, state of Iowa, for the Great Salt Lake Valley in the Rocky Mountains, more than 1,000 miles west of the Missouri River.

"And so we crossed the river in order to unite with a company at Winter Quarters, which expected to start in a short time under the directions of Amasa Lyman, consisting of 100 families and 160 wagons and there we was detained 'til about the first of July, when a part of the company left and removed to the Elkhorn River about 30 miles distant.

"Crossed the river and waited for the rest of the company 'til they arrived, and the 6th of July we all started on our journey together and traveled pretty much together for over three hundred miles, and then it was thought best to separate and travel in smaller companies.

"So we divided into three companies; the first consisted of 4 tens under the direction of Barnabas Adams, the second consisting of 3 tens under the direction of Phineas Richards June, the third under the direction of Andrew Cunningham that consisted of 3 tens. Also these 3 tens was under the direction of Moses Martin, Ezra Clark, and Wilcocks.

"It fell to my lot to travel in the ten that was under the direction of Moses Martin. And so we continued our journey 'til we arrived at Sweet Water, a river that was a little over six hundred miles from where



Photo courtesy of LDS Church archives

HERE COMES THE OX CART: A pioneer wagon in 1866. Pioneers faced many difficulties when train travels through Echo Canyon in Utah Territory travelling to the Salt Lake Valley.

we left the Missouri River. The feed had been very scarce for the distance of about 150 miles. My team had become very feeble and it became necessary for me to take extra care of it.

"And so I obtained leave of Captain Cunningham to drive on ahead of the company in order that I might be enabled to take the better care of my team. Accordingly, I left the main company in company with brothers Abraham Hunsaker and Randolph Alexander and we traveled on, taking extra care of our teams stopping and giving rest to our teams occasionally and killing buffalo and antelope when we needed them, 'til we came to a place called Little Sandy, about 200 from the Great Salt Lake. We there rested on the Sabbath day and Sister

Hunsaker gave birth to a fine son.

"Next morning we started on our journey and traveled on our journey three days and arrived at Green River. There one of my cows gave out so that she could not work in the team. But I continued on my journey and on the fifth day of

October, we arrived in the valley of the Great Salt Lake where we found many of our brethren and friends. This was a time of rejoicing, which will never be forgotten; our friends that we left behind soon arrived in safety, which added to our comfort and satisfaction."

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Each victim had a packed suitcase at the foot of their bed or cot, and each had \$5 bills and quarters in their pockets, Blackburne said.

Police showed a videotape taken from inside the mansion showing bodies all dressed in black — identical sneakers, long-sleeve shirts and pants — lying on neatly made bunk beds.

All had a purple shroud covering their upper bodies, some had eyeglasses folded at their sides. Computer equipment filled the nine-bedroom house.

The group made money with a web design firm called Higher Source and also proselytized through a web site called Heaven's Gate, on which they had put out a statement saying the comet's appearance meant their time had come.

"Hale-Bopp's approach is the 'marker' we've been waiting for," says the statement on the World Wide Web site. "We are happily prepared to leave 'this world.'"

A Beverly Hills businessman who hired a former cult member said Thursday that another member told him several months ago that a space ship following the comet was coming to pick them up.

"They did not say they were going to commit suicide, but they did indicate to me that they would be leaving the planet," Nick Matzorkis said.

Matzorkis, president of Interact Entertainment Group, said an employee he identified only as Rio who used to belong to the cult had received a package late Tuesday with a farewell letter and two videos.

The letter said that by the time Rio

read it, his friends would have committed suicide or, in their words, "left their containers," Matzorkis said.

After opening the package Wednesday, Matzorkis and Rio drove down from Los Angeles to the mansion, where they discovered the bodies and called police.

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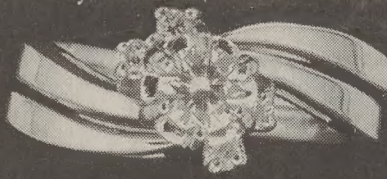
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Y's first lady exemplifies art of balance

By LAURIE FISHER
Universe Staff Writer

As a woman with several roles who has lived all over the world, the first lady of BYU is no stranger to change and has learned the art of balance.

Marilyn Scholes Bateman is often seen at the side of her husband, Merrill J. Bateman, president of BYU. Although she is not in the spotlight as much as President Bateman, Sister Bateman is busy as a wife, mother, teacher, missionary and community leader on top of her position as BYU's first lady.

As President Bateman's companion she is able to show people what an important role the wife of a general authority has and the role she feels a wife should fill.

The Batemans often travel to tell of the Lighting the Way campaign and the purpose and vision of BYU. Sister Bateman also speaks with President Bateman, at the women's conference committee meetings or other groups she is involved with.

"I have the opportunity as his companion for other people to see what an important role a wife plays as the wife of a general authority," Sister Bateman said.

The Batemans are the parents of seven children and 20 grandchildren whom they place as a top priority even though their families live all over the country. In the time the children were being raised, Sister Bateman established a home for her family in England, Japan, West Africa and various places around the United States as career, education and professional paths took them all over the world.

Although Sister Bateman was never able to finish her degree, she received a great deal of education, attending BYU, the University of Utah and the LPS Business College.

"I think education helps us to have more confidence in ourselves," she said. "I wish I had a degree. It would be the icing on the cake. However, it's not so much the degree, it's the experiences in our lives that truly educate us."

With so many responsibilities and involvements, one might wonder how Sister Bateman manages to maintain balance between herself and her family.

There's nothing more sure than change and our challenge is to adapt to the changes, Sister Bateman said.

"The most important thing from my perspective is there will be a lot of changes that come about in our lives. We have to keep ourselves in good health mentally and physically so we can handle them," she said.

Despite the inevitability of having to take different paths throughout life, Sister Bateman does feel some things should be constant.

"There are some things we should keep the same. Testimonies, for example. I have strong feelings about knowing there is truth, God is our Father and Christ is our Savior," she said.

Although she feels she has gained her inspiration by watching other women, Sister Bateman has some wisdom for young women as well.

It's important for young women to know who they are. Everyone gets lost sometimes, but for real happiness our testimonies need to be as stable as possible in our lives, Sister Bateman said.



Courtesy of Multicultural Student Services

DANCE FEVER: Dancers perform traditional dances from many cultures Wednesday at a luau in the Wilkinson Center as part of Heritage Week. Vaha Ongaongatau performs a traditional

Tongan dance using a kailan stick. Students from Polynesian, Native American, African American, Latino and Caucasian cultures participated in the show.

Y luau unites cultures

By JESSICA RIPPLE
Universe Staff Writer

A Samoan ceremony is not complete without the Tualuga, a dance performed by the daughter of a chief, and the Heritage Week Luau celebrated on campus Wednesday night was no exception.

The luau sponsored by Multicultural Student Services, the Polynesian Club and the Service Leadership Involvement Center was in the ELWC ballroom as part of Heritage week that celebrates the Latino, Polynesian and Native American cultures.

The luau started with a traditional dinner of kalua pig, long rice and guava cake. Kory Sekaquaptewa, 15, from Orem and participant in the Heritage Week youth conference said he liked the food best. Attending at the luau were also 150 high school and junior high school students attending the youth conference at BYU.

Ui Poloai, a Samoan man who recently moved to Orem, liked the show best. "The whole show makes me feel like part of home," he said. More than 160 students participated in the performance that showcased dances from the Hawaiian, Fijian, New Zealand, Samoan, Tahitian and Cook islands and Tongan cultures.

Students from Polynesian, Native American, African American, Latino and Caucasian cultures participated in the show.

The Mistress of Ceremonies, Lupe Funaki said as part of her introduction, "We are from different lands but still sing the same song of love and peace."

Charmaine Wells, a dancer in the show and an apparel studies major from Laie, Hawaii, said she got involved because her roommate and friend were in the show. She liked dancing with bamboo sticks most.

"You can feel the rhythm. It's so fast you don't have time to think," she said.

Students learned the traditional dances in practice every Saturday for two hours since the second week of January, Wells said.

Daniel Gerber, from Salt Lake City, said he knew some of the basic movements before but learned most of the dances in practice. The Kailao dance from Tonga was his favorite to perform. "It's the most manly. A warrior protecting his turf. I try to get into that mind set."

During the Samoan dances many of the audience members took dollar bills up on stage and stuck them in the dancers' clothing. Uheina Wolfgram, 19, from Orem, stuck money in her friend's dress. She said the tradition of putting money on the dancers is used as a fund raiser for birthdays, weddings and special occasions. It also shows respect for the dancers, she said.

Aisea Fakatoumahi, 20, from Orem, said giving the dancers money is showing them how much you care. "It's like handing your love," he said.

The audience had favorite dances from the show. Rachel Bahr, a junior from Portales, N.M., liked the Slap Dance best. "I like the sound and the rhythm and seeing the faces that they make," she said.

Sibito Morley, from Middleton, Idaho, liked the Powhiri dance from New Zealand best. "The facial movements are great. I saw it at the

Polynesian Cultural Center in Hawaii."

William Tontia, 18, from Fontana, Calif., was at the luau as part of the youth conference.

He liked the Kapa-Teiamaime, a Tahitian dance, best.

"The guys expressed the drumming really well," he said.

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Student research honored at banquet

By AMANDA CRESAP
Universe Staff Writer

Undergraduate and graduate students who conducted faculty-mentored research projects were recognized at the Student Research and Creative Activities Recognition Banquet on Wednesday night.

BYU President Merrill J. Bateman called the evening one of the highlights of the school year, where the accomplishments of students and mentoring faculty are recognized.

"What we're seeing tonight is the result of professors working with bright young people as they further discover themselves and their fields of study," President Bateman said.

Awards for research were given to 46 undergraduate students and 15 graduate students. Students doing undergraduate research received \$1,000 research fellowship awards. Graduate students earning their master's degrees received \$4,000 research fellowship awards and graduate students earning their Ph.D.s received \$5,000 research fellowship awards.

Research projects conducted by students covered a range of fields from thermophysical properties of fluids to breast cancer.

Rachel Crook, a senior majoring in psychology from Great Falls, Va., conducted her research on how per-

sonality and situational factors affect the self-awareness needed for cognitive dissonance to change.

"The initial project has shown more and more ideas for research. Knowing what I know now, I would do it again, I would do things differently," Crook said.

Crook's study focused on students and the consistency of behavioral attitudes toward increase at BYU.

Michael Whitney, a senior California majoring in zoology, conducted his research on the vulnerability of young June beetles to young white bass during their mer growth season.

"I've really enjoyed what I'm working on. I hope it's the start of some academic career — many," Whitney said.

Whitney will be presenting research to the American Fisheries Society Bonneville Chapter and the West Coast Biological Society Undergraduate Research Conference in Los Angeles.

Addie Fuhrman, dean of the College of Studies, said "We are here to congratulate students whose aim is to gain a standing of something that others have not understood."

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Professor Gloria Meléndez was born and raised in Utah. She received a BA degree in anthropology from the University of Utah in 1955. In 1957 she became the first woman Fulbright scholar in Latin America, at which time she studied anthropology at the Universidad de Chile.

She earned her PhD in Latin American literature from BYU in 1980. In addition to her teaching, she has pursued research in the Nahuatl (Aztec) language and culture here on campus, at the University of Texas at Austin, and in Mexico. She has received a grant from the National Foundation for the Humanities for her Nahuatl studies and has been selected for four awards for excellence in teaching

from the BYU Student Alumni Association since 1991.

Professor Meléndez teaches Latin American and Pre-Columbian literatures, cultures, and language in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. She has directed numerous Study Abroad groups to Spain, Mexico, and Chile and at present serves as director of the department's Mexico Literacy Internship Program with the Office of International Field Studies and Internships.

She has five children and 18 grandchildren, all now living in Utah Valley. Since returning to Utah from Chile in 1967, she has served in a number of Church callings and currently lives in Pleasant Grove.

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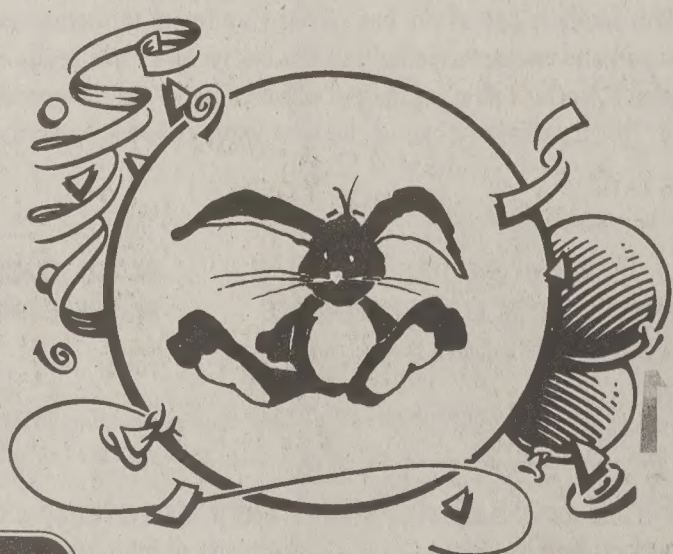
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SAT: "Brigadoon" at the Hale Theater, Matinee on SAT. SAT: "Pollyanna" at the DC Center, 117 N. University, matinee across from the Mt. Timpanogos Temple at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 756-6870.

SAT: "The Secret Garden" at the Springville Villa Playhouse, 100 N. Provo at 7:30 p.m. tickets are \$4.50. Call 489-3088. SAT: "The Boys Next Door" at the Provo Theater Company, 100 N. Provo at 8 p.m. tickets are \$12.50.

Dances

SAT: "Star Trek: First Contact" at 7 p.m., 9:30 p.m., matinee, 4 p.m. SAT: "Speed" at 12 p.m.

SAT: "The Palace," Reverse Archaeology in Canyon Country, Utah Museum of Natural History, call 581-4303. SAT: "The Palace," Reverse Archaeology in Canyon Country, Utah Museum of Natural History, call 581-4303.

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Ensemble" presents "St Matthew Passion" at the Provo Tabernacle at 7:30 p.m. Free, call 378-4322.

SAT: "Syncopation" at 7:30 in the Madsen Recital Hall. Free. Call 378-4322.

Local Music

FRI: Spivey's Corner and Little Black Rain Cloud at 9 p.m. \$3 SAT: Grain at 9 p.m. for \$3 at the Station, 117 N. University Ave., 377-5454.

SAT: Vocal Point in the de Jong Concert Hall at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 students. Call 378-4322.

FRI: Big Suckin Moose at 8 p.m. SAT: Jared Harris \$2 at Mama's Cafe at 8 p.m., 840 N. 700 E. Provo, 373-1525.

FRI: Shoot the Mime SAT: Star-O, Nolan and Old Soul at the Soul Kitchen, 936 E. 450 N. Provo

Miscellaneous

FRI/SAT: Exhibit "The Landscape Remembers," Reverse Archaeology in Canyon Country, Utah Museum of Natural History, call 581-4303.

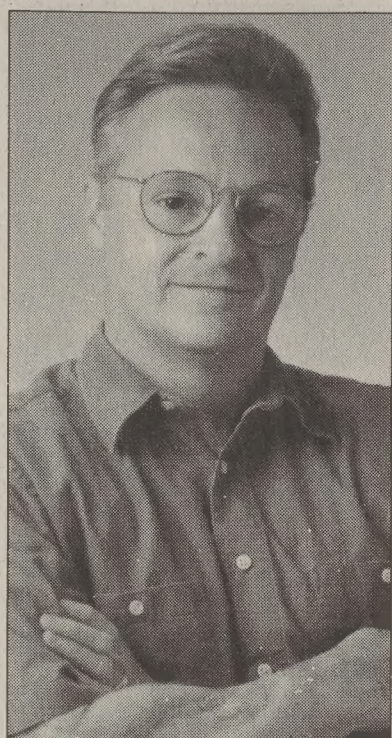
FRI: at Johnny B's Comedy Club, \$6 Call 377-6910 for reservations.

SAT: Open-Mike Poetry Night at the Brimhall Building, 9 p.m. Free. Live jazz and poetry.

SAT: Wolf Mountain Slush Slope Style and Pond Competition at 10:30 a.m. at Wolf Mountain day Lodge. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Entrants must have a lift ticket or season pass. \$15 for each event or \$25 for both. Call 649-5400.

To get an event onto the weekend calendar, please e-mail the event to marci@du2.byu.edu, by Wednesday. Or fax the information to 378-2959, attn: Marci.

Life is miracle for BYU professor

By ANGELA DRAKE
Universe Staff Writer

DAVID COWLES

David Cowles is living proof that miracles can happen.

Over Christmas break 1994, BYU English professor David Cowles was diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis, commonly known as the flesh-eating bacteria, while visiting relatives in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

The doctors told his wife, BYU English professor Delys Cowles, that he had a 5 to 10 percent chance of living through the night. But David survived.

"I see a miracle as any time God has a hand in what happens," David said. "It's clear to me that God had a hand in much of what happened."

David's contraction of this disease remains a mystery, although he supposes the bacteria entered through a small, clean cut.

"The bacteria are all over," David said. "You've probably got them on you; they just normally don't have that effect on people."

Factors such as the end of the semester, with grading and the holiday sea-

son, could have contributed to his susceptibility, David said.

"Some people contract necrotizing fasciitis when there's no point of entry," Delys said. Yet she points out that a person is more likely to be struck by lightning twice than to get this disease.

"It's just one of those freak things that happens," David said.

The bacteria creates toxins in the bloodstream, which causes organs to shut down and blood pressure to plummet.

Delys decided not to inform David of the extreme odds against him.

"It could be a self-fulfilling prophecy to die from the shock of it," she said.

"For me, recovering meant re-covering me," David said with a laugh, referring to his skin grafts. The doctors took skin from his thighs and stapled it on to the open areas. He had to stay as motionless as possible for 10 days, and then the doctors would examine it. The doctors continued to cover the same areas, because sometimes it wouldn't "take," David said.

David never asked "Why me?" during this experience. "I asked ... why was I blessed with the many miraculous things that brought my life back," he said. After nearly losing his life, "it was ludicrous to complain."

"God performs miracles through other people," David said. He attributes his positive attitude and speedy recovery to everyone's faith and prayers. "I see it as an act of grace," he said.

"For David, it's all extra given time now — it's extra credit," Delys said of her husband's recovery.

Life-threatening experiences occur often, David said. "You can't go through life without expecting something like this to happen to you," he said. Although, he adds, his case is "particularly unusual."

Just as crises happen all the time, "I'm convinced that miracles like this happen all the time," David said.

Delys said this experience "made" (David and me) aware of all of the people who need prayers, whether it's a spectacular, newsworthy disease or more of an every day, garden variety sickness.

The Cowles' lives will never be the same. "I'm even less afraid of death," David said. "I see it as a joyful thing."

David spent time in the hospital evaluating the important aspects of life. He realized "what really mattered was my family and small acts of kindness I'd done for people."

Delys has become "more grateful for little things." She recalled driving to the hospital during spring in southern California, admiring the green hills that resembled English countryside. She knew her husband would live, and she wanted to scream, "Yeah!"

"I was thankful for life ... for the basic blessings of life," she said.

"What happened to me is a type of what is true of all of us," David said. "We all need a miracle; we all need that act of grace to overcome both a physical death and spiritual death."

David's piano compositions since he contracted this disease reflect this theme. One song, "The Healing," encompasses how Christ heals people, David said.

Book tells of fight with flesh-eating bacteria

By ANGELA DRAKE
Universe Staff Writer

"To all those who have prayed fervently for someone they have never met," reads the dedication to David and Delys Cowles' book, "Miracle Victory over the Flesh-Eating Bacteria."

This book relates David Cowles' battle with necrotizing fasciitis, a disease in which the bacteria destroys fascia, the membrane around the muscles. The book details how David struggled and recovered, how Delys dealt with all the decisions and how the experience affected their children.

But this book is not the story of one man or even one family. This book includes everyone who has heard of the disease, everyone who followed the updates on the news, everyone who remembered the Cowles family

in their prayers.

This book is inspiring. Its themes include unity and the reality of miracles. This did not just involve the LDS community. People from different denominations came together with "one heart and one mind" to pray for David's life.

"Together we can create miracles, and in doing so we bring communities together," Delys writes in the book.

David and Delys recognize God's hand in his recovery; the book is spiritually uplifting. Delys writes, "We know that God knows who we are, and we know he has blessed us in obvious ways. In our case, God has blessed the meek of the earth, not just the mighty."

"Miracle Victory over the Flesh-Eating Bacteria" is a book about miracles — about the miracle of life, about the miracle of many different people united in one faith.

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Y freshman golfer one of best in U.S.

By CHARLENE SPRINGER
Universe Sports Writer

Not too often does a freshman take the lead of his or her team.

However, Andy Miller of the BYU men's golf team has done just that. During fall semester Miller was one of five Cougars to play in all five tournaments. He is currently one of five starters on the team.

Miller is from Napa, Calif., where he started his golf career. He said he has played golf ever since he can remember, but he didn't start competing until he was about 16.

"Since I was about eight, I've really enjoyed golf," Miller said.

Miller said his father has taught him nearly everything he knows about golf. Johnny Miller, Andy's father, joined the PGA Tour in the spring of 1969, after a stellar career at BYU. Since that time, he has played in 375 Tour events and has won 24 times. He also won two majors, the U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1973 and the British Open at Royal Birkdale in 1976. He is currently a golf analyst for NBC.

Miller spoke highly of his father and said even though his father has been in the spotlight, he hasn't been ruined by the fame.

"My father is one of the best golfers ever to live," Miller said. "I have a lot of respect for him."

Miller has large footprints to follow, and seems to be doing just fine.

"I set a goal to win once in the fall," Miller said.

And he did. Miller won the individual title at the Fresno/Lexus tournament during the fall in a playoff with teammate Michael Henderson and one other golfer.

BYU head coach Bruce Brockbank said Miller isn't intimidated by anything and he's great to work with.

"I only have to ask him once for anything," Brockbank said. "He sets a lot of goals for himself, and he works hard each day to improve."

Brockbank said Miller is by far one of the best freshmen in the country. The head coach of #1 ranked UNLV told Brockbank twice that Miller is indeed one of the best freshmen in the country. In fact, the UNLV coach said he would have tried to get Miller on his team if he would have known his great skill as a golfer.

Miller was also recruited by other teams, including Arizona, USC and Stanford. He said he chose BYU for a couple of reasons.

"My dad went here, and he wanted me to go here," Miller said. "BYU also has a good coach, Bruce Brockbank. That's the main reason I came here."

Miller said he has enjoyed his experience with the men's golf team.

"Our team gets along really well," Miller said. "We haven't played as well as we could, but hopefully



Photo courtesy of Media Guide

MILLER TIME: Andy Miller, kneeling on the far right, is a freshman on the BYU men's golf team and one of five starters. His coach says he is one of the best freshmen in the country and that Miller sets goals for himself and is very easy to work with.

we'll get to nationals."

Ryan Oldroyd, one of Miller's teammates, said Miller is great to work with on the team.

"He's fun to play with," Oldroyd said. "He is confident in himself, and that confidence carries over to the team."

Oldroyd also said Miller has a competitive and confident nature.

"He probably wants to win every tournament, and he works for that," Oldroyd said. "I wish I could have

his confidence."

Even with such success, Miller still has work to do in his game.

"The long winter has hurt him," Brockbank said. "Toward the end of April and the first of May we'll see his best playing."

Brockbank spoke highly of Miller, and said he has great years ahead of him.

"If they were all like Andy Miller, I'd recruit them every year," Brockbank said.

Y lacrosse pulls out victory over UC Davis

By STEPHEN GORDON
Universe Sports Writer

Wednesday night's lacrosse game against the University of California-Davis was expected to be nothing more than a routine victory for BYU. Instead, the Cougars found themselves in a tight game that could have gone either way before pulling away in the fourth quarter with a 14-11 win.

"This game was a real eye-opener," Cameron Pratt said.

It was an eye-opener indeed. With the outcome uncertain and the Cougars facing man down in the fourth quarter, Aaron Quiggle seized the ball and coasted through an open lane, whipping one down the pipe to give the Cougars an 11-10 lead. UC Davis, however, wasn't fazed and managed to tie the game one last time with 10:25 remaining.

Six minutes later, after sputtering on numerous scoring opportunities, Johnny Jackson snuck one past the UC Davis goalkeeper as the Cougars retook the lead for good. Matt Davis and Travis Clater followed up with

two more goals to officially game away.

"The game was pretty close," Quiggle said. "We weren't sure of our game."

The Cougars looked flat from the opening face-off of the first and UC Davis capitalized, taking a 10-0 lead before two minutes had expired. The Cougars responded minutes later when Clater and Jackson assist to tie it up. UC answered back with two more goals and led 3-2 by the time the first quarter expired. By halftime the Cougars managed to wrest the lead back with goals from Troy Taylor, Hardy and Clater.

In all, the game was tied eight times and it seemed the Cougars never put the game away. In the second quarter with BYU leading 10-9, UC Davis scored three consecutive goals, one of them while man down, to tie the game. After Taylor broke the 9-9 deadlock, UC took advantage of an illegal play by the Cougars to, once again, tie the game at the end of the third quarter.

New bowl alliance rule may exclude WAC champ

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — College football's Bowl Alliance reportedly has decided not to include a Western Athletic Conference champion ranked lower than No. 6 in the nation.

The Daily Herald said Thursday that the WAC received a letter Tuesday from the Alliance explaining its decision. The WAC had proposed that its champion be included in the Alliance if ranked in the top 12.

"The WAC continues to have dialogue with the Alliance, but has yet to receive any offer regarding a minimum ranking that would allow the WAC to (play its way) into the Alliance bowls," conference commissioner Karl Benson said in a statement.

He said the WAC's representative to the NCAA board of directors - UNLV president Carol Harter - has been directed to urge the

board to resolve the issue. The newspaper said the WAC wants the NCAA to take control of the college football postseason.

The Alliance is a group of four conferences, representatives of the Orange, Fiesta and Sugar bowls, and the television networks.

"(The letter) fell short of what we were hoping," said Brigham Young president Merrill Bateman, chair of the WAC President's Council. "What they gave us was not a proposal, but a counter-offer. This, I guess from conversation around the league, is unacceptable to schools in the WAC."

WAC champion BYU, which finished the 1996 season ranked No. 5, was snubbed by the Alliance and accepted an invitation to the Cotton Bowl.

Early Alliance offers to the WAC were strictly monetary, with no potential access to the bowls, BYU athletic director Rondo Fehlberg

said.

"What they've tried to do is buy us out," Fehlberg said. "Give us some money (\$2 million per year) and tell us to go away and be quiet. They have failed to make a proposal that is serious."

Fehlberg predicted the Alliance's position may prompt Congress to get involved. He said several senators have submitted a brief to the Justice Department and asked for its opinion.

"The Alliance is purporting to have equal competition for a national title, but isn't," Fehlberg said.

Bateman said the Alliance's control over the postseason "goes against everything universities in our country stand for. Right now, four conferences are trying to control college football and deny access to revenue and take away every school's ability to tell a recruit he can compete for a national title."

BYU softball team to play Dixie today

By STEPHEN GORDON
Universe Sports Writer

BYU's women's softball team resumes play this afternoon when it hosts a doubleheader against Dixie College.

The team is currently riding an eight game winning streak, winning the Pensacola Tournament last weekend and sweeping UVSC in a doubleheader Tuesday. Defensively, the team has really come together in those eight games, allowing only six total runs while heating up at the plate with 28 runs.

Pitching has been a strength for the team all season, with the starting rotation of Danielle Anderson, Julie Risdon and McCall Fagan. Along with the low run percentage against them, they also boast a no-hitter — a 6-0 performance by Risdon against Agnes Scott in last weekend's tournament.

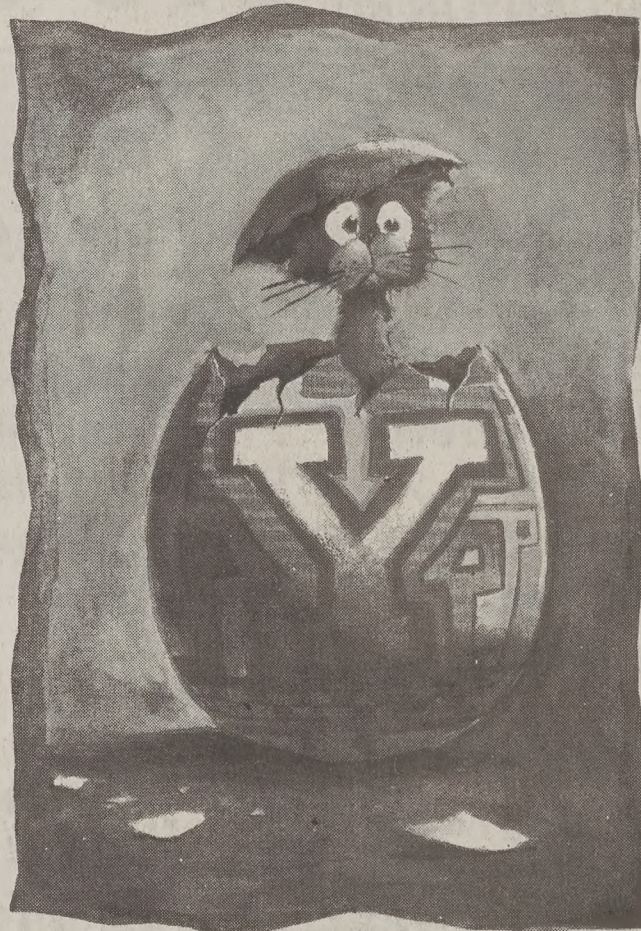
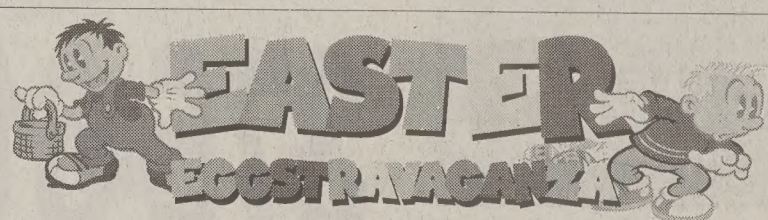
BYU and Dixie have met four times this season, with BYU winning all four meetings, 10-0, 6-4 and 4-0 in St. George, and 10-7 in the Rocky Mountain Shootout. This

will be their first meeting in Provo this season.

For the season the team is batting .267, paced by Sunshine Van Wie's .392, Anderson's .383 and Michelle Russell's .324. Anderson also leads the team with two home runs, one of which came against UVSC Tuesday in game one. Van Wie's

bunt in game two led to a UVSC throwing error that allowed Fagan to score the game's only and winning run.

Both games against Dixie will be played at the women's softball field, south of the football stadium, beginning at 5 p.m.



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Connecticut sweeps women's hoop awards

INNATI — Kara Wolters and Geno Auriemma, the key figures in their 1993-1 season, combined for a Connecticut sweep Thursday of the top national awards in women's college basketball from The Associated Press. Wolters was voted the national player of the year, the third straight season that has gone to a Connecticut standout. Auriemma, whose No. 1-ranked Huskies posted a third straight Final Four appearance by just one game, was honored as coach of the year for the second time in three seasons. Wolters and Auriemma were chosen in a vote by AP members nationwide. Wolters' selection kept the player of the year award in the exclusive domain of Connecticut. Rebecca Lobo won the first AP award in 1995 and Jennifer Rains won it last year. Wolters, a 6-foot-7 senior, averaged 17 points, eight rebounds and 2.8 blocks while playing only 26 minutes a game in a system that strives for balance. She shot 3 percent from the field. Her overall value, Auriemma says, showed in what the Huskies accomplished as they swept the Connecticut sweep 132-8 in Wolters' four seasons and won the national championship in 1995. "I don't necessarily build our team around one player, but for the last four years the only time we lose is when she plays bad or when she's not in the lineup," Auriemma said. "I think she's the most important player in the country."

Lefty Driesell to coach Georgia State

ATLANTA — Lefty Driesell said he likes challenges. Well, he's taken on a new one this time. Driesell, a coach who stands 10th in victories in NCAA Division I history, was named Wednesday to become the coach at Georgia State, college basketball's most successful major-college program. "I've never been taken over has been down," said Driesell, who was officially introduced at a news conference today as the 11th coach in school history. "I would like to take over a school like Kentucky, but I've never been that lucky." Driesell agreed to a three-year contract with a base salary of \$125,000 annually. Incentives could increase the deal to \$470,000 annually, said athletic director Orby Moss. Georgia State, the 65-year-old Driesell is taking over a team that is the 10th of Kentucky. The 4,000-student university in downtown Atlanta has a record of 252-107 (.70) since launching its NCAA program 34 years ago. The Panthers had only three winning seasons, the last coming in 1991-92. Driesell is expected to coach some more, and I just think this is a great, great challenge," Driesell said.

Van Horn named Wooden All-American

LOS ANGELES — Senior Jacque Vaughn of Kansas, sophomore Ron Johnson of Kentucky and senior Keith Van Horn of Utah lead the John R. Wooden All-American basketball team announced Wednesday. Vaughn, Johnson and Van Horn are among the 10-player squad are senior Tim Duncan of Wake Forest, junior Danny Fortson of Cincinnati, senior Bobby Jackson of Minnesota, sophomore Antawn Jamison of North Carolina, senior Brevin Knight of Stanford, junior Raef LaFrentz of Kansas, and senior Charles O'Neal of UCLA. Johnson, Jackson and Mercer are playing in the Final Four this weekend in Indianapolis. The Wooden All-American Team was selected from ballots received by sportswriters and broadcasters nationwide in voting conducted by the Los Angeles Athletic Club. Vaughn, LaFrentz, Mercer, Vaughn and Van Horn were the top five players in the most total points. They, along with their coaches, will be flown to Los Angeles for the April 4 announcement of the Wooden Award winner, who goes to the national player of the year.

Thomas signs on for 7 more with Chiefs

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Derrick Thomas is virtually certain to be a member of the Kansas City Chiefs when he retires - and a very wealthy one at that. Thomas, a two-time NFL Pro Bowl linebacker and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, announced Wednesday in Kansas City, where Thomas signed deal that will keep him with the Chiefs for seven more years. Thomas wouldn't discuss details of the deal, but The Kansas City Star reported in today's editions that Thomas, 30, will get \$27 million for the life of the contract, or an average of slightly less than \$3.9 million a year. Thomas' new contract with Thomas and Chiefs president Carl Peterson, who said the contract tops the six-year, \$24 million deal signed by Chad Smith with Seattle in February. That would make Thomas the highest-paid defensive player in the NFL, a distinction that might not last long given that Peterson also represents Buffalo Bills defensive end Bruce Smith. Thomas' complex contract that does make (Thomas) the highest-paid defensive end in football, which is where he should be," Steinberg said. "I'm certainly didn't win Monday night," Steinberg said, referring to the Oscar statuette. "But Carl showed us the money." Steinberg is widely believed to be the inspiration for the agent in the Oscar-nominated movie "Jerry Maguire." Peterson, who answers to Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt, quickly reminded reporters and reporters who really has the deep pockets. "Lamar did," he said. Thomas said staying in Kansas City was important to him.

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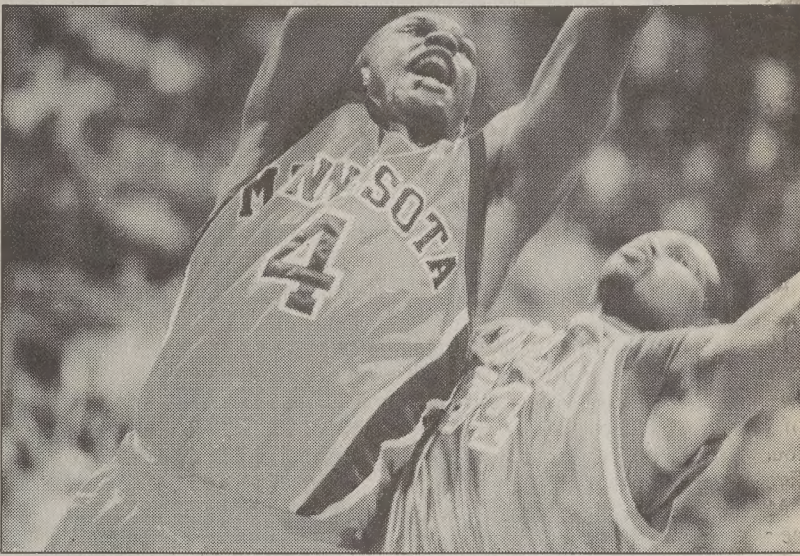
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Forget about Arizona beating North Carolina way back in November. Forget that the Tar Heels lost their first three conference games for the first time in history. Forget about everything that happened early in the season, because North Carolina and Arizona have come a long way since then to make it to Saturday's rematch in the Final Four. "I won't even let our team watch (tapes of) that game," North Carolina coach Dean Smith said Wednesday during a conference call of Final Four coaches. "That's so long ago. Both teams are so different now." Especially North Carolina. Jerry Stackhouse, Rasheed Wallace and Jeff McInnis would have been seniors this season if they hadn't left for the NBA. Instead, the Tar Heels (28-6) are starting a freshman point guard and three sophomores. They struggled early as they tried to define themselves. After losing five of their first eight Atlantic Coast Conference games, many wrote the season off as a rebuilding year. The Wildcats (23-9) weren't expected to do much, either. They lost four starters and also had a freshman point guard. The only returning starter, Miles Simon, was academically ineligible for the first 11 games. After an 11-2 start, Arizona lost seven of its last 15 and was fifth in the Pac-10. It finished the conference season with road losses to Stanford and California. "You learn a whole lot more from close games, whether you win or lose, than from blowout situations," coach Lute Olson said. As if Arizona needed any more education, nothing in the NCAA tournament came easy to the fourth seed in the Southeast Regional. The Wildcats struggled in comeback victories over South Alabama and College of Charleston, and needed overtime to beat Providence. Then there was Kansas, the No. 1 seed and everyone's favorite for the NCAA title. Arizona controlled the entire game, but Kansas surged back in the final minute and the Wildcats didn't escape until Raef LaFrentz missed a 3-pointer at the buzzer. "Without a doubt, we're playing the best basketball of all year," Olson said. "We're as ready as we can be." North Carolina could say the same thing. Aside from the distractions of Smith becoming the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history, the Tar Heels had the easiest route of anyone to the Final Four. They're the top seed in the East Regional, and their biggest competition - No. 2 seed South Carolina, No. 3 seed New Mexico and No. 4 seed Villanova - were all gone by the end of the second round. Olson said he's amazed at how smooth the Tar Heels offense is now - no breakdowns, players always where they need to be. Their shooting percentage is way up from the start of the ACC season, while turnovers are down. In fact, Olson can't think of a team with a better halfcourt offense. "It's not even the same team that we're facing," he said. "At that point, as young as they were, they were searching for what their roles were."

Kentucky vs. Minnesota

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — For a team supposedly lacking depth, the Kentucky Wildcats have come a long way. So far, in fact, they're right back where they started the season, in the RCA Dome. But unlike the opening loss to Clemson last November, Kentucky is back in Indianapolis with a chance for another NCAA championship. Who would have thought it? Not coach Rick Pitino, certainly. "I'm very surprised the way we've developed," he said Wednesday during a conference call of Final Four coaches. "The preseason was a nightmare, as far as our expectations. We had to lower our expectations a little bit and tried to be the best we could each day." After winning the NCAA championship a year ago, four Kentucky players departed for the NBA, another transferred and another was redshirted. Then leading scorer Derek Anderson went down with a knee injury at midseason. Somehow, the remaining Kentucky players pulled together. "The guys did a tremendous job focusing in with all the adversity. They've earned it," Pitino said. "I didn't feel our depth before the season started was very good. We still don't have the depth Minnesota has, but that's something we've been conditioned to go without." Kentucky (34-4) will play Minnesota (31-3) in one semifinal game Saturday night. Arizona and North Carolina are the other semifinalists playing for a spot in Monday night's championship game. Minnesota coach Clem Haskins doesn't buy the story that Kentucky has no depth. "They have eight or nine really quality players," Haskins said. "They have good depth, and Ron Mercer without doubt is one of the finest college players. He's very explosive."



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IN THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE: Minnesota's Courtney James grabs a rebound over UCLA's Kris Johnson in the first half of the Gophers' 80-72 victory over the Bruins. The Gophers will face the Kentucky Wildcats Saturday night in the Final Four.

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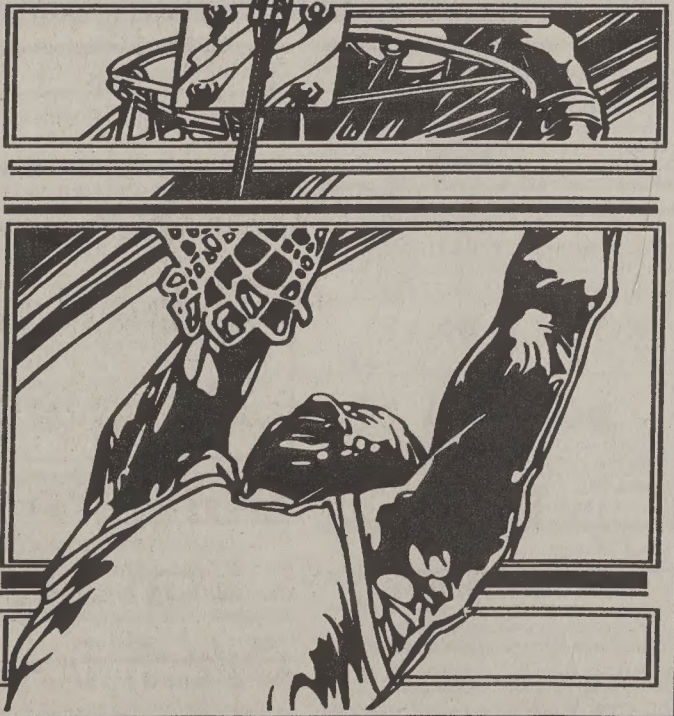
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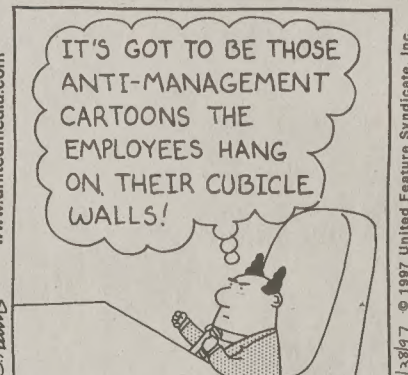
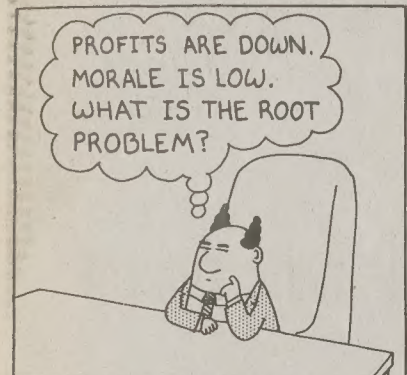
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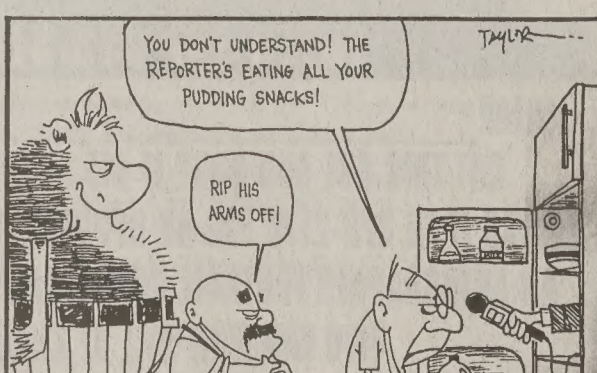
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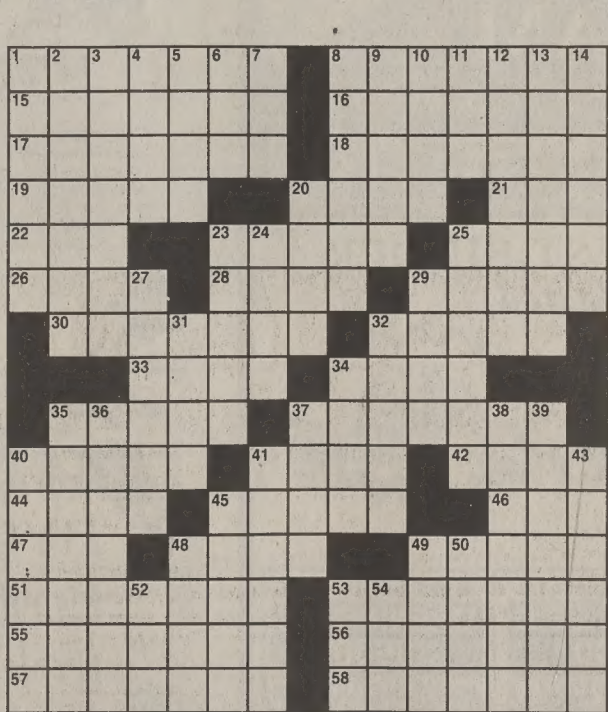
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- 32 Belief
33 Lacquered metalware
34 U.K. carrier of old
35 Pine, e.g.
37 Armoire alternatives
40 Canoeists' peril
Marjorie Morningstar" novelist
42 Academic periods: Abbr.
44 Be — to (help out)
45 1964 Glenn Ford film
46 Crude
47 Tape player spec: Abbr.
48 "Nuts!"

- DOWN**
- 1 Vermont quarrying town
51 Like some modern carpets
53 Early dweller along the Dead Sea
55 Aggravation
56 Stab, in a way
57 Generous spirit
58 Despair



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- ACROSS**
- 1 SLAG GAP
2 AUTORACE
3 STORES
4 TO THE MINUTE
5 LOPE
6 MEMORY
7 EWE BLAB
8 CAN ANTELOPE
9 RED YOUSE
10 GREEK LETTER
11 OUS
12 CHRONOUN
13 AINE ARROWS
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- DOWN**
- 25 Product package info
27 "No kidding!"
29 Classical heptad
31 Brown and others
32 Was emboldened
34 Cloud
35 Japanese beer
36 Words before '96, '97, etc.
37 Fur
38 Baked dish served cold

Hepatitis rates high in Salt Lake

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake County's hepatitis A level is about eight times higher than the national average, according to a new communicable disease index.

"We have very poor rates," said Thomas Schlenker, director of the Salt Lake City-County Health Department. "We cannot yet say what is the major source."

Schlenker discussed the high levels at a news conference Thursday, called to announce the first annual communicable disease index for the 818,860-person county.

Hepatitis A, Schlenker said, has a national incidence of 11 cases per 100,000. In Salt Lake County last year, the disease struck 676 people, a rate of 82.6 per 100,000.

Hepatitis A can be spread through drug users sharing needles, food-borne epidemics and unsanitary conditions. Last year, not one case was traced to food, Schlenker said.

"There was a lot of hepatitis A spread within families or between families," in places like church gatherings, schools and day-care centers, he said.

The county is doing much better in other areas, Schlenker added. For instance, it has one of the lowest rates of sexually transmitted disease — excluding HIV rates — of any community its size.

Government advises routine mammograms for women over 40

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving to end one of the most contentious issues in medicine, the government recommended Thursday that women in their 40s get routine mammograms to check for breast cancer.

In a move that could put more pressure on the insurance industry to pay for mammograms, the presidentially appointed National Cancer Advisory Board suggested that women get the tests every one to two years in their 40s if they are at average risk for breast cancer.

President Clinton promised a federal response, saying, "These recommendations give clear, concise guidance to women in our national fight against breast cancer."

For women at high risk of breast cancer, the recommendation advises seeking expert medical advice about mammograms before age 40 — because some few may need them sooner, and also to determine the frequency needed during the following decade. High risk factors include a family history of breast cancer and delaying pregnancy until after age 30.

The government's long-anticipated decision moves closer to what anti-cancer groups recommend. The American Cancer Society on Sunday tightened its own recommendations for 40-somethings from mammo-

grams every year or two to annual screenings. The board advises the National Cancer Institute, and NCI Director Richard Klausner supported the board's determination. He denied that intense pressure from Congress and the public had overrun the science.

"This is an issue people feel very

strongly about. We did not waiver from the process," he said. But he emphasized that regular mammograms in the 40s are not a panacea. Just how effective they are at different ages is still something science must define, he said.

About 40 states now require private insurance companies to cover all or part of the cost of annual mammograms for women in their 40s, the NCI noted.

Congress is discussing ways to get more private insurers and Medicaid to pay for mammograms in the 40s. Clinton, whose mother died of breast cancer, took five steps in response to the report:

-Assure state Medicaid directors in writing that federal money is available to help pay for mammograms for women in their 40s.

-Amend his Medicare proposal to cover annual mammograms.

-Launch a national breast cancer campaign to get the latest information to the public and health care workers.

-Challenge the private sector to extend mammogram coverage in their insurance plans.

-Order that future federal employee health insurance plans cover mam-

mograms for women in their 40s. The cancer board recommended that insurers pay for mammograms for high-risk women at any age and for all women at age 40.

The cancer institute since 1993 had said there was insufficient scientific evidence to justify mammograms for women in their 40s. But in January, a panel of experts assembled by the institute recommended that women decide for themselves whether to start mammograms in their 40s, based on their individual assessments of the risks and benefits.

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Residents to vote on school

By MATT SMITH
Universe Staff Writer

Provo residents will have to decide if they want to approve a \$25 million bond May 6, due to its recent Provo Board of Education approval.

The money from the bond will pay for many needed improvements in the district.

Provo District Budget Officer Lynn Smith said if Provo approves the bond in May, taxes will not increase in the Provo District, but the bond will extend the debt of the district.

"We will be paying up our last bond in April, freeing up money for this new bond to help the district make improvements," Smith said.

The district is using all available classrooms and there is a great need to build new schools and add to the existing ones, Smith said.

At the meeting where the board made the decision to allow the bond to go to the booth, some members of the public voiced concerns that the bond process for approval was too rushed.

Smith said the bond was generally accepted by the public in past meetings.

"The plan for this bond was announced years in advance and we have been talking about it for a long time. There should be no reason why the public should feel the bond is being pushed too rapidly," Smith said.

Capital improvements in the district are taken from a list that originally totaled \$23 million, without two new schools.

The following new construction priorities were established by the board this month:

- There will be a new elementary school in the Lakeview area with 24 rooms and Timpanogos Elementary School will build a new gym. In addition, another elementary school will be built in the Bicentennial Park area in South Provo.
- Edgemont Elementary School will cover a court yard. Timpview High School will add eight new classrooms and a gym. Provo High School will receive a new media center, and Independence High School will receive a storage and garage combination.
- Provo High School, Oakridge School, Timpview High School, Westridge Elementary School, Rock Canyon Elementary School, Farrer Junior High School and Provost Elementary School will have all or parts of their roofs redone.
- Provo High School, Timpview High School and Sunset View Elementary School will have parts remodeled.

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Suspected Ogden rapist re-arrested

Associated Press

OGDEN — Jason Brett Higgins, who was re-arrested exactly one month after being cleared of a rape at Newgate Mall, was charged Thursday with 14 first-degree felonies in connection with six sexual assaults.

Higgins, 23, was arrested Wednesday after police received results from DNA tests. He was formally charged before 2nd District Judge Michael Glasmann on six counts of aggravated kidnapping, six counts of sexual assault and two counts of forcible sodomy.

Deputy Weber County Attorney Bill Daines indicated during the video arraignment that additional charges may be filed within the next 10 days.

John Caine, who joined attorney Geoffrey Clark in defending Higgins, said he was told there may be as many as four additional counts brought against his client.

The charges filed Thursday stem from six separate alleged rapes from Nov. 5, 1996, to Feb. 11, 1997, in the Ogden area.

During the hearing, Higgins wept softly and wiped his eyes as he answered questions. Caine said Higgins is on a suicide watch at the Weber County Jail.

Glasmann denied bail for the suspect since he already is on probation for third-degree felony theft after stealing a flatbed trailer from the Ogden-Weber Applied

Technology Center.

Higgins, who was convicted of the crime in May 1996, had worked at the center as a maintenance man. He had planned to start a lawn care business, court documents said.

Weber County Attorney Mark DeCaria said police are continuing to investigate other suspects in the 15 rapes in the Ogden and Roy area. Seven of the rapes have occurred since December.

DeCaria said Higgins is not a suspect in the Aug. 28 rape at the Newgate Mall. Higgins was arrested for that attack Feb. 24, but was released after it was determined a hand print found at the scene was not his.

After being released, Higgins had a news conference where he accused Ogden police of ruining his life and his attorney threatened a lawsuit against the police department.

Shortly before Higgins was arrested Wednesday, his friends and family continued to insist he was innocent.

Todd Roe, Higgins' former roommate, said he still didn't believe his friend was guilty. Roe described Higgins as an outgoing person who competed in city athletic leagues.

Higgins also has had the same girlfriend for three years, Roe said.

An April 3 hearing has been set to schedule Higgins' preliminary hearing.

U.S. mediator returns to Middle East

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — U.S. mediator Dennis Ross returned to the Middle East Thursday to try to save the collapsing Israel-Palestinian peace process as Israel sent troop reinforcements to the West Bank.

Ross, who met for two hours with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Morocco before flying to Israel, faced a cool reception. The Palestinian legislative council accused the United States of bias, and joined calls for Palestinians to take part in Sunday protests against Israeli land expropriations.

"The goal of my mission is to take account of the situation in the Middle East for the president and the secretary of state and to give them a report at the end of this week," Ross said after the meeting.

Arafat said Israel's construction of Jewish housing in disputed east Jerusalem was "a real crime against the peace process."

Near the West Bank town of Ramallah, hundreds of Palestinians threw stones at Israeli soldiers on the eighth day of protests against the Israeli construction. Israeli troops fired tear gas and rubber bullets, and Palestinian police moved quickly to disperse the protesters.

Concerned that the violence will intensify with Sunday's protests, Israel deployed more troops around Palestinian cities in the West Bank.

"We will not wait to see how things develop," said the armed forces chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak.

Ross was to meet late Thursday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

The gaps between Israelis and Palestinians appeared far more difficult to bridge than the last time Ross visited the region, when he brokered Israel's January military withdrawal from most of the West Bank town of Hebron.

Israel demands that before peace talks can resume, Arafat send a clear signal to Islamic militants that he will not accept terrorist attacks against Israel, and that Palestinian stone-throwing riots end. Netanyahu claims Arafat

gave the militants tacit approval for attacks before last Friday's suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv cafe.

"There can be no advance in the peace process unless we see a total disavowal of terrorism and actions by the Palestinian Authority against terror organizations," said David Bar-Illan, a senior Netanyahu aide.

The Palestinians want Israel to stop construction of the Jewish Har Homa housing project in east Jerusalem, which they claim as the capital of their future state. Israel captured the eastern sector in the 1967 Mideast War.

The Palestinians also want the United States to guarantee that there will be no further settlement building. But the United States, while criticizing Israel's decision to go ahead with the Har Homa construction, twice vetoed U.N. resolutions denouncing the project.

"We condemn the American position," the Palestinian legislative council said in a statement. "We consider this protection and support of Israeli aggression and blatant Israeli violations."

Arafat's Fatah faction of the PLO

issued a statement Thursday saying that "the extreme government of Netanyahu is responsible for all acts of violence, because it is a reaction to the provocation of this government and its practices of organized terror against Palestinian land and the peace process."

Fatah, which organized most of the recent West Bank protests, also condemned the U.S. vetoes.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said Israel should not be surprised by the Palestinian stone throwing.

"When Israel is treating the Palestinians as an occupier, it must expect that the Palestinians react as a people of the intefadeh," Shaath said, referring to the 1987-93 Palestinian uprising.

In a show of unity, Fatah and the Islamic militant group Hamas had a joint news conference Thursday at the Palestinian Information Ministry. Hamas has claimed responsibility for last week's suicide bombing, while Fatah had been a strong supporter of peace with Israel.

Speakers said protests would continue, especially Sunday on Land Day.

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Grant said large chemical companies promote their fertilizers by giving donations and financing research at universities. He said he is reluctant to give money to universities, but would rather give it to farmers.

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Humic acid is not a fertilizer itself,

but it compliments fertilizers, Dabney said.

"It causes enzymes and other molecules to bond together in a natural state," Dabney said.

Dabney said the liquefied complex matrix is the foundation of everything the company applies.

"We could take that base and blend it with any available fertilizer, herbicide or pesticide to compliment and enhance the effects," Dabney said.

Dabney said his company's products are fundamentally different from chemical fertilizers.

"With our product, we treat the soil first and then the plant," Dabney said. "We work with the chemistry of the plant."

DePew said BYU will work with the materials for demonstration purposes this summer on a trial basis. Based on the results, BYU will decide if a full research will be conducted or not, DePew said.

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